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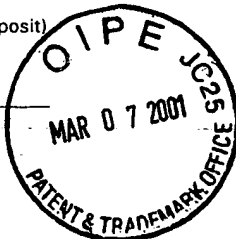
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Docket No.: 0646/0D205

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Ramesh A. Bhat *et al.*

Serial No.: 08/906,365 Art Unit: 1646

Filed: August 5, 1997 Examiner: N. Basi

For: Novel Human Estrogen Receptor-Beta

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is a petition to extend the time for filing a response to the Office Action dated November 7, 2000 in the above-identified patent application.

The extensions of time indicated below are required and have not yet been granted:

[X] first month, fee \$110

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= \$110

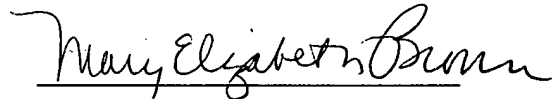
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\$110

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Respectfully submitted,

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